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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of inventor(s):

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3rd Inventor: Hanson S. Gifford, III

For: **SEALED MEMBRANE VASCULAR COMPLIANCE DEVICE AND METHOD**

1. Type of Application

This new application is for a(n)

Original (non provisional)
 Design
 Plant
 Continuation-in-part (CIP)

2. Benefit of Prior U.S. Application(s) (35 USC §§ 119(e), 120, or 121)

The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of the following prior U.S. Provisional applications: (1) U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/412,122 filed September 17, 2002 entitled *Aortic Shock Absorber*, and (2) U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/473,988 filed May 28, 2003 entitled *Aortic Shock Absorber, V.2*.

3. Papers Enclosed

A.

26 pages of specification
2 pages of claims
1 pages of abstract
10 sheets of drawings (do not submit original drawings)
(complete the following, if applicable)

The enclosed drawing(s) are photograph(s), and there is also attached a "PETITION TO ACCEPT PHOTOGRAPH(S) AS DRAWING(S)." 37 CFR 1.84(b).

B. Other Papers Enclosed

3 Pages of Combined Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition
1 Credit Card Payment Form

4. Declaration or oath (including power of attorney)

Enclosed
 executed by inventor(s)

5. Inventorship Statement

Inventorship for all the claims in this application are:

The same.

6. Assignment

An assignment of the invention to _____
 is attached.
 executed by inventor(s)
 was filed in parent application
 will follow.

7. Fee Calculation

A. Regular application

CLAIMS AS FILED					
Number filed	Number Extra	Rate		Basic Fee 37 CFR § 1.16(a)/	
		Large Entity	Small Entity	Large Entity	Small Entity
				\$750.00	\$375.00
Total Claims (37 CFR § 1.16(c)) = 17	- 20 = 0	x \$18.00 =	x \$9.00 =		00.00
Independent Claims (37 CFR § 1.16(b)) = 2	- 3 = 0	x \$84.00 =	x \$42.00 =		00.00
Multiple dependent claims(s), if any (37 CFR § 1.16(d)) = 11			+ \$280.00 =		00.00
Recordation Filing Fee					

An amendment canceling extra claims is enclosed.
 An amendment deleting multiple-dependencies is enclosed.
 The fee for extra claims is not being paid at this time

Filing Fee Calculation \$375.00

B. Design application (\$330-37 CFR§1.16(f)) \$
 C. Plant application (\$540-37 CFR§1.16(g)) \$

8. Small Entity Statement(s)

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

9. Fee Payment Being Made at Time

Not Enclosed
 No filing fee is to be paid at this time.
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 Filing Fee \$ 375.00

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11. Request and Certification under 35 USC §122 (b)(2)(B)(i) (Non-publication Request)

12. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application to Account No. 50-2809.

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 37 CFR §§1.16(e) (surcharge for filing the basic filing fee and/or declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application)
 37 CFR §§1.17(a)(1)-(5) (extension fees pursuant to §1.136(a))
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 37 CFR §§1.18 (issue fee at or before mailing of Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR§1.1311(b))

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